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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

IN RE: MARGARET SANGER, C

ALLEGED VIOLATION SECTION 211.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

JAN 22 1920

Pursuant to instructions received from Assistant Division Supt. Mr. Reddy, based on a letter signed Frank Burke, dated Dec. 29, 1919 and initialed W. J. N. containing a copy of a memorandum submitted to the Department by Mr. H. S. Ridgely, I submitted the above case to Assistant U. S. District Attorney Mr. G. W. Cotter who informed me that he was convinced that on the evidence submitted, viz.: The Sanger Typewritten letter and 2 typewritten slips no conviction could be obtained as the evidence does not show a clear violation of Section 211.

Mr. G. A. Cotter knows that the Postal Authorities are keeping close watch on Mrs. Sanger and should she violate any Federal law, she will be prosecuted.

Here attached to my report is the typewritten letter and 2 typewritten slips also original envelope as received from Washington.

Case concluded.

H. B. Grelvin

MARGARET SANGER
104 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Friend and Sympathizer:-

I greet you as an old friend and a pioneer in the Birth Control movement. It has been my privilege to communicate with you in the past, ever appreciative of your sympathy and with the feeling that when an emergency is upon us you would like to be informed.

The Birth Control movement is about to face the greatest test of strength in its history. The United States government is about to express its opinion about this vital and momentous subject.

In 1916 I deliberately and consciously challenged the constitutionality of the law by opening a clinic in Brooklyn and giving information on how to prevent conception to more than four hundred overburdened mothers. I was arrested, convicted and sentenced to thirty days imprisonment, which term I served.

Having consciously violated the law for the purpose of testing its constitutionality in the higher courts, I was determined to appeal my case, even after the sentence was served.

The case having gone through the various courts in this state, it is now before the United States Supreme Court and will come up for hearing the latter part of November.

Speaking of this case, a well-known Boston paper recently said:

The case "bids fair to become one of the most famous cases ever taken before the supreme court of the nation".

For the first time the United States Supreme Court will go on record concerning the principle of Birth Control. As the law now stands, it forces the mothers of America into incessant childbearing or the fathers into celibacy.

Never has there been greater interest in, and a greater need of Birth Control than today. Never has there been so crucial a moment for the women of America. This issue is greater than suffrage. Greater even than the Child Labor problem is this issue which decides the destiny of millions of women.

To win this fight -- to forward the movement, funds are needed. Urgently needed. Send what you can today.

Cordially,

Margaret Sanger

How about a lecture on Birth Control in your town?

If you belong to a club or organization, get Margaret Sanger to speak before it.

If you cannot do any other work for this movement, you can, at least, help in this way. Spread the message of Birth Control among your neighbors.

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The Supreme Court has refused, upon technical grounds, to pass upon
the constitutional right of the women to control their own bodies. But
we have accomplished one great thing for womanhood, we have raised the
question at the bar of public opinion.
Help us to pay for the expenses of this fight and to wage the next one.